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Leon J. Stanger, Hanno Basse, James A. Michener, Robert H. Plummer, Richard K. Newman
for **EXPLOITATION OF NULL PACKETS IN PACKETIZED DIGITAL TELEVISION SYSTEM**

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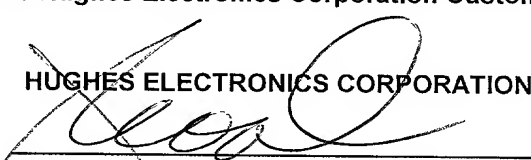
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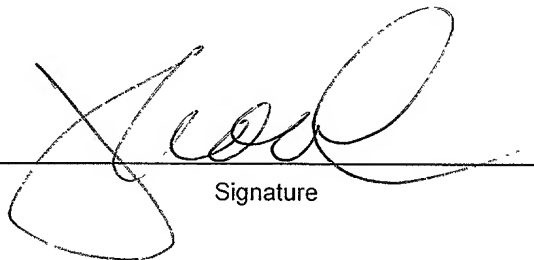
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